

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Previously Presented] A method for maintaining in a
2 digital computer system synchronization of ledger accounts
3 between a back-end procurement system and a front-end
4 requisition and catalog system on behalf of a plurality of
5 customer companies of an enterprise providing procurement
6 services to a plurality of company groups, each said company
7 group including a different plurality of said customer
8 companies, comprising the steps of:

9 associating a plurality of said customer companies
10 within a company group, said customer companies within
11 said company group storing in respective storage
12 devices a same chart of accounts which varies with
13 respect to a chart of accounts associated with a
14 different company group of customer companies of said
15 enterprise;

16 maintaining a requisition and catalog system in
17 respective digital computer systems at each said
18 customer company;

19 maintaining said chart of accounts in a digital storage
20 device at said back-end procurement system at said
21 enterprise;

22 periodically extracting from said chart of accounts,
23 account identification indicia and descriptive

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24 information for a given customer company;

25 communicating said account identification indicia and
26 descriptive information to said requisition and catalog
27 system for each said customer company of a given
28 company group;

29 at said requisition and catalog system, storing said
30 indicia and information in an electronic data store of
31 valid general ledger accounts associated with said
32 company group for said given customer company;

33 associating commodity codes with said account
34 identification indicia;

35 pushing commodity code/account identification
36 associations to all other companies in said company
37 group of said given customer company;

38 responsive to a user request for a requisition of a
39 commodity, providing to a user interface of a computer
40 display device a selection list of valid account codes
41 and descriptions authorized for purchase by users from
42 companies within said company group to facilitate
43 selection by a user of a correct account code for said
44 commodity.

2-11. [Canceled]

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